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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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"8. Larry Houston and I spent some time discussing with Dick Helms some of his new responsibilities.

"d. Dick said that he was aware that some of our people become involved with the police on occasion and that some of these cases are serious while others are not. He wanted to know how these cases are handled and what his responsibilities are. I told him that Howard Osborn always reported these incidents to me and that we use our best judgment to decide what action should be taken, including whether the DDCI or DCI should be advised. I told him that there were a surprising number of these cases and that I thought it would be very time-consuming for him to be advised of each one. However, I said that we were certainly willing to do so if he desired. He laid down these ground rules: (1) If the Director is to be advised, Dick certainly wants to be advised; (2) Dick does not wish to be involved with all these cases and asked that I continue to use my best judgment in deciding what action should be taken, including whether or not he should be advised; (3) he also wants to make sure that, if action is taken which will eventually involve him, he wants to be advised before it has gone too far; and (4) he does not want the polygraph used on employees in the United States on matters involving the police, etc., without his personal knowledge. (While he did not specifically say so, I think that this rule should apply to staff employees in general whether they are in the United States or overseas.)"

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